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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)
SUBJ: WORKING VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT TO FRANCE --
PENDING QUESTIONS

REF: (A) STATE 13696; (B) PARIS 1430; (C) PARIS 1941;
(D) PARIS 1853; (E) PARIS 1935

1. DRY RUN TODAY ON SCENARIO FOR SUBJECT VISIT REVEALED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, ANSWERS TO WHICH WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO EMBASSY IN PINNING DOWN FINAL SCHEDULE.
2. ARRIVAL, FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 (REF A) -- WILL PARTY HAVE LUNCH ON PLANE OR WILL LUNCH BE TAKEN AFTER ARRIVAL PARIS? (N.B.: SCHEDULE FOR VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE VERY TIGHT, IF LUNCH WERE TO BE IN PARIS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED THREE PM MEETING WITH VAN LENNEP.)
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3. WILL THERE BE BRIEFING WITH PRESS AFTER VAN LENNEP MEETING (REF B)? LARGE RECEPTION ROOM ADJACENT TO VICE PRESIDENT'S CRILLON SUITE WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE FOR STAND-UP SESSION WITH PRESS.
4. WILL VICE PRESIDENT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT PRIME MINISTER

BARRE'S DINNER INVITATION FOR FRIDAY EVENING (REF D)?
GOF INCREASINGLY REGARDING THIS IS IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF
SUBSEQUENT CALL ON PRESIDENT GISCARD (SEPTTEL).

5. IF BARRE DINNER TAKES PLACE, ASSUME THERE WILL BE
NEED FOR SOME SORT OF ACCESS BY PRESS POOL EITHER
BEFORE, AFTER, OR BOTH. DO YOU AGREE? THIS WOULD HAVE
TO BE CLEARED WITH THE FRENCH.

6. NEED NAMES OF TWO PERSONS TO ACCOMPANY VICE
PRESIDENT TO GISCARD LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY (REF E).

7. RE GISCARD LUNCHEON: OFFICE OF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
PHONED TODAY INDICATING THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD WISHES TO
MOVE LUNCH UP TO 1230, SO THAT LUNCHEON (WHICH WILL BE
CONTINUATION OF WORKING SESSION BEGUN AT 1100) CAN BREAK
UP AT ABOUT 1400. GISCARD MUST LEAVE VERY SHORTLY
THEREAFTER. ASSUME VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE PREPARED FOR
A FEW PICTURES AND TO SAY A FEW WORDS AS HE LEAVES
ELYSEE, TO SWARM OF PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPORTERS CERTAIN
TO BE IN ELYSEE COURTYARD.

8. IN VIEW EARLIER CONCLUSION OF LUNCHEON, STRONGLY
URGE THAT PRESS CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON BE
MOVED UP TO 1500. THIS WOULD PERMIT BREAK-UP OF PRESS
CONFERENCE AT 1530 WHICH WOULD IN TURN ALLOW MORE
REASONABLE PERIOD FOR FILING STORIES, AND ALSO LESS
HURRIED DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT WHERE WE UNDERSTAND A 1700
DEPARTURE FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND PARTY IS ESSENTIAL.
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AGREE? WE ASSUME PRESS PLANE WILL DEPART AFTER AIR
FORCE TWO. PLEASE CONFIRM.

9. IS DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT AIRPORT PLANNED?

10. OFFICE OF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL INFORMED US TODAY THAT
VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE MET ON ARRIVAL BY ELYSEE
SECRETARY GENERAL FRANCOIS-PONCET AND SEEN OFF ON
DEPARTURE BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL DE CASTEJA
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